



# City of Austin

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## Item OT1.17 Investing in the Neighborhood Partnering Program

**This proposal would:**

- Invest an additional \$60,000 in the Neighborhood Partnering Program’s (NPP) budget.

**The Neighborhood Partnering Program (NPP) empowers neighborhoods to partner with the city and work together to make real, positive improvements to their communities.**

- Council established NPP in 2009 to leverage the community’s passion and vision with the city’s funding and expertise in order to improve quality of life in neighborhoods across the city.<sup>1</sup>
- The program is designed to build true community consensus and buy-in for approved projects by requiring that 60 percent of community stakeholders approve of the project and requiring the neighborhood match the city’s funding with a certain amount of private funds, volunteer hours, or in-kind donations or services.<sup>2</sup>
- NPP has completed 28 projects since it launched in fiscal year 2011 – and it is currently working on 13 more.<sup>3</sup>

**NPP is a model for proactively reaching out to neighborhoods across the city and working with them to achieve a community vision.**

- Organizations across the country have recognized NPP’s success, including through: the American Planning Association’s Sustainability Award, the American Public Works Association’s Management Innovation Award, and the International City/County Management Association’s award for Outstanding Achievement in Innovation.
- NPP proactively engages with low-income and underserved communities – and partners with organizations that can help improve NPP’s outreach and improve a neighborhood’s ability to participate in NPP.

**This proposal would expand the capacity of the successful NPP to serve Austin communities.**

- This proposal would invest an additional \$60,000 in NPP – roughly the cost it takes to fund an average NPP project.

**Table 1. City Investment & Community Matching<sup>4</sup>**

District	City Investment	Community Match Value*
<b>Average</b>	\$61,085	\$29,110
<b>Median</b>	\$56,519	\$29,386
<b>Lowest</b>	\$815	\$819
<b>Highest</b>	\$233,144	\$80,343

*\*Match value includes cash match, volunteer hours, and in-kind services and materials*

**Table 2. NPP Outreach Efforts<sup>4</sup>**

Median Family Income by Census Tract	Outreach Distribution
\$0-\$35,000	53%
\$35,000-\$70,000	17%
\$70,000-\$100,000	16%
\$100,000-\$150,000	7%
\$150,000+	7%

<sup>1</sup> Resolution No. 20090925-072.

<sup>2</sup> Neighborhood Partnering Program Informational Brochure, Public Works Webpage.

<sup>3</sup> Neighborhood Partnering Program Current Project Status Chart, Public Works Webpage.

<sup>4</sup> Budget Question #68 (FY 2017).